

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Government do not consider it necessary to issue the direction referred to; those Panchayats which are desirous of having manure depots opened under their management may apply to the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats who will dispose of each application on its own merits.

The opening of Model Farms.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they will take steps to open Model Farms for the cultivation of cocoanut and paddy at least one in each taluk in the State?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Agricultural Department is not at present working with the full staff of Inspectors sanctioned. When it works with the full staff, and when it is equipped with a Laboratory for the analysis of soils, the matter will be considered.

The Veterinary Inspector in Kunnamkulam.

460. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) The number of days in a month the Veterinary Inspector will remain in Kunnamkulam;

(b) Whether any satisfactory arrangement has been made for treatment during his absence from the place; and if so,

(c) What is the arrangement now made?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Ten.

(b) & (c) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 53 at the Vrischigam sitting.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there a competent compounder at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—One is being trained. There is one at Vadakkancheri. There is a compounder at Vadakkancheri going to Kunnamkulam and doing the work.

President. So you say that there is no permanent compounder permanently staying at Kunnamkulam.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There is one at Kunnamkulam.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does he remain there while the Veterinary Surgeon is absent from the station?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—My point is this. There is one compounder for the Kunnamkulam Hospital. He is not fully qualified. One is being specially trained for the Kunnamkulam Hospital.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am not referring to the future statistics, but to the present one. Is there any one at present at Kunnamkulam, apart from the one being trained for the purpose?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.